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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EINV

SUBJECT: EXPROPRIATION OF U.S. INVESTMENTS - MEETING OF  
EXPROPRIATION GROUP

REF: STATE 136155

1. AT ITS JULY 14 MEETING, INTERAGENCY EXPROPRIATION  
GROUP EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN OVER FAILURE OF THE EPMG TO  
MAKE PROGRESS ON SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS BY U.S.  
INVESTORS. GROUP WAS OF UNANIMOUS OPINION THAT TIME IS  
RUNNING OUT, AND THAT IF NO PROGRESS IS FORTHCOMING IN  
THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IT WILL BECOME NECESSARY TO BEGIN  
IMPOSING SANCTIONS REQUIRED BY HICKENLOOPER, GONZALEZ AND  
TRADE ACT PROVISIONS ON EXPROPRIATION.

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2. IN LIGHT OF APPARENT INEFFECTIVENESS OF PAST GENERAL  
DEMARCHES ON THIS SUBJECT, GROUP FEELS THAT TIME IS NOW  
RIGHT TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH THE COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE AFFECTED FIRMS. SUCH AN  
ACTION WOULD PROVIDE A TEST OF EPMG COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE  
COMPENSATION AND WOULD GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE

CLEAR POSITIVE SIGNAL THAT IS NOW REQUIRED IF WE ARE TO  
AVOID IMPOSITION OF LEGISLATIVE SANCTIONS. WE BELIEVE  
THAT AN APPOINTMENT SHOULD BE REQUESTED FOR EITHER

AXUM AIRLINES OR ETHIO GUM/MILLE FARMS SINCE BOTH  
MR. CLYDE F. ADAMS (AXUM AIR) AND MR. RONALD BURTON  
(ETHIO GUM/MILLE FARMS) HAVE INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS  
TO VISIT ADDIS IF APPOINTMENT WITH COMPENSATION COMMISSION  
CAN BE ARRANGED.

3. GROUP WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ABOVE  
PROPOSAL AND VIEWS ON WHICH COMPANY WOULD BE BEST AS  
INITIAL CASE TO SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH COMPENSATION COMMIS-  
SION. FOLLOWING CONSIDERATION OF EMBASSY VIEWS, WE WILL  
AGAIN DISCUSS THIS WITH COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE  
TAKING FURTHER ACTION. VANCE

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